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Technical Assistance Opportunity:

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) TA Project

Application Deadline June 1, 2012

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

SSI/SSDI Outreach,

Access and Recovery (SOAR) Technical Assistance Center is accepting applications from

Continuums of Care (CoCs) that have not yet participated in the federally sponsored SOAR

Technical Assistance Program.

SAMHSA's SOAR program assists states and localities to expedite access to the Social Security

Administration's (SSA) disability programs -- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social

Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) -- for persons who are homeless or at risk for homelessness

and who have a mental illness, a co-occurring substance use disorder or other serious medical

condition. Currently, all 50 states participate in the federally sponsored SOAR technical

assistance (TA), but the strength and breadth of these efforts vary greatly in each state.

CoCs are invited to submit a brief, 3-5 page application to participate in the SOAR TA Project by

Friday, June 1, 2012. A message of interest and intent to file an application is requested, but

not required, by Friday, May 18.

Participation in SOAR requires local commitment and collaboration while working closely with

the SOAR State Team Lead to ensure that the effort is consistent with that of other

communities in the state. In many states, the local and/or balance of state CoCs are actively

involved in SOAR implementation at both the state and local levels. Some examples include:

* New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota and Texas - In each of these states, the organization responsible for the Balance of State CoC is also the lead agency for the state's SOAR efforts.

* Phoenix, Arizona -- Valley of the Sun United Way and the Corporation for Supportive

Housing have established an infrastructure for SOAR within the Maricopa Regional

Continuum of Care on Homelessness. The CoC lead, Brande Mead, Maricopa Association of Governments in Phoenix, AZ is a key member of the local SOAR steering committee.

* Kings/Tulare counties, California -- Sarah Scott, President of the Kings/Tulare

